## **PEARS**

Connecticut pear production ranked eighth in the United States for utilized production in 1998, just above Utah which produced 870 tons.

Less than optimal spring conditions kept 1998 pear production slightly below average. Connecticut's 1998 pear crop totaled 1,100 tons, eight percent less than the previous year. The decline in production was offset by

increased prices which led to a production value of \$853,000, two percent above 1997.

Unlike apples and peaches, bearing acreage is not available for pears. However, the Census of Agriculture shows 243 total acres in 1997, including both bearing and non-bearing trees.

PEARS: Production and Value, 1989 - 1998

STATE & YEAR	Production		Utilized Price	Value of
	Total 1/	Utilized 2/	per Ton	Utilized Production
	Tons		Dollars	1,000 Dollars
Connecticut				
1989	1,200	1,150	520	598
1990	750	700	550	578
1991	1,200	1,200	600	720
1992	1,300	1,250	650	813
1993	1,250	1,200	600	720
1994	1,250	1,250	580	725
1995	950	950	700	665
1996	1,050	1,050	725	761
1997	1,200	1,200	700	840
1998	1,100	1,100	775	853

<sup>1/</sup> Total production is the quantity actually harvested plus quantities which would have been acceptable for fresh market or processing but were not harvested because of economic or natural reasons.

Utilized production is the amount sold plus the quantities used at home or held in storage.







